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ULTRAVERSE™

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Hoang Nguyen/Dropkick design
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Shadowmage design by Hoang Nguyen

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Writer: Steve Gerber
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$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

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FIREARM™ #0 and FIREARM™ Video
Firearm #0 is a bold new experiment never before realized by a major publisher. Malibu's Reel Comics and Malibu Comics, two divisions of Malibu Comics Entertainment, Inc. bring you the first ever comic and video product tie-in. This shrink-wrapped package includes a 32-page full color comic and a 30-minute live-action short feature on a VHS video tape.

Part one of this story is thirty minutes of live, action-packed super-hero drama, featuring the Ultraverse's solo character, Firearm! The conclusion of this story is in a 32-page full color comic book. Both parts are written by James (*Legends of the Dark Knight*) Robinson, and are packaged together for just $14.95. This has NEVER been done before!

The story: During Swan's blackmail investigation, he follows an unusual trail which eventually leads him to a confrontation with a demonically possessed assassin. As Swan pursues his opponent, he catches up with it, fittingly enough, on a movie set. It's fury vs. fire, muscle vs. magic in a winner take all struggle.

• *Firearm* #0 will only be available with the *Firearm* video
• *Firearm* #0 will also feature a metallic foil cover logo
30-minutes, VHS
Director: Darren Doane
Writer (comic book & film): James Robinson
$14.95/$18.70 in Canada

FREEX™ #3
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Writer: Gerard Jones
Artists: Ben Herrera & Mike Christian
Cover: Herrera & Christian
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James Robinson
Born in Manchester, England on April Fool's Day, James began writing comics in 1988 with *London's Dark* (a graphic novel published by Titan Books) followed by *Terminator: Secondary Objective* for Dark Horse Comics. Since then, James has penned issues of *Legends Of The Dark Knight* and the upcoming *Golden Age* for DC Comics as well as *The Ecto Kid* for Epic and a *Captain America-Iron Man* graphic novel for Marvel Comics. James has a degree in filmaking and a lifelong interest in history, crime fiction and rhythm and blues.

Quote: "The Malibu Ultraverse has the potential to marry good writing with the larger then life quality of the comic book medium."

HARDCASE™ #4
Hardcase/Strangers Crossover Part One
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Writer: James Hudnall
Artists: Roger Robinson & Rodney Ramos
Cover: Jerome Moore
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MANTRA™ #3
Lukasz has but one choice if he wants out of his current female incarnation—find the man who betrayed Archimage! During his investigation, Lukasz encounters and fights a magical construct known as Kismet Deadly. Will Boneyard succeed in capturing the object of his desire?
Writer: Mike W. Barr
Artists: Terry Dodson & Al Vey
Cover: Dodson
$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

PRIME™ #4
It's a summer blockbuster battle between Prime and Prototype on the Universal Studios backlot! Kevin, *Prime*-arily weakened, must fight his favorite cartoon hero to defend Kelly. And as if that wasn't enough— Kevin's father discovers the secret of Prime!

"This comic has a really cool plot and main character. If you're looking for something different this summer (and beyond) this is a good place to start!"
—John Danovich, *Hero Illustrated*

• Special guest-appearance by Prototype
Writers: Gerard Jones & Len Strazewski
Artist: Norm Breyfogle
Cover: Breyfogle
$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

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• Look for Prototype in this month's issue of *Prime*!
• Backstabber character design by Howard Chaykin
• Backstabber's first appearance is in the Skybox Ultraverse trading card set!
Writers: Tom Mason & Len Strazewski
Artists: David Ammerman & James Pascoe
Cover: Ammerman & Pascoe
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Artists: Rock Hoberg & Tim Burgard
Cover: Hoberg & Jerome Moore
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GENESIS CROSSOVER

Malibu is staging THE crossover event of the fall—Genesis; uniting the universes of its three most popular titles, **DINOSAURS FOR HIRE, EX-MUTANTS** and **PROTECTORS** into one unifed, consistent whole.

The main crossover story will take place in the three main titles, but elements will effect the storylines in the three *Protectors* spin-off titles: *The Ferret, Gravestone* and *Man Of War.*

The resolution of the storyline will introduce a new character to the universe, WidowMaker, whose book debuts in November. As part of its support for the project, Malibu will be offering a special enhancement comic, *Genesis* #0.

The new, improved Genesis line will feature the following:

- Lower direct market cover prices
- Improved interior paper stock
- The addition of the Genesis logo to the covers of all associated titles
- X-tra special back-up stories in September Genesis Crossover titles by Brian (*Supreme*) Murray, Jeff (*Wonderman*) Johnson, Steve (*Deathstroke: The Terminator*) Erwin.

Retailer Note: Be sure to add your direct market and newsstand edition sales together when placing your orders this month. Malibu is no longer offering special newsstand editions of these titles.

GENESIS™ #0

A special Wraparound Holographic Foil George Pérez cover enhancement (an industry first) kicks off this special premium comic book for Malibu's Genesis Crossover.

Protectors, Ex-Mutants, Dinosaurs For Hire and a new character, WidowMaker, are all featured in separate 8-page stories. The four stories are written by the series' regular writers while the artists include Marvel's Jimmy Palmiotti, DC's Curt Swan, industry vet Rich Buckler and hot young newcomer Patrick Rolo.

PROTECTORS: (R.A. Jones: Writer. Rich Buckler: Artist) The Protectors are in for a surprise as they recover from their battle with Extreme!

EX-MUTANTS: (Charles Marshall: Writer. Patrick Rolo and Bobby Rae: Artists) Sluggo returns and the new world of the Ex-Mutants will never be the same!

DINOSAURS FOR HIRE: (Tom Mason: Writer. Curt Swan: Artist) The Dinosaurs are jetted into outer space where they are pelted by those infamous "cosmic rays" in "The Fantastic, Jurassic Four!" Forced to return to Earth, they discover they now have powers far beyond those of mere mortals...if only for a short while!

WIDOWMAKER: (Roland Mann: Writer. Jimmy Palmiotti: Artist) WidowMaker vs. Arrow, two Protectors outcasts, in a battle of champions.

- Retailers will be able to order 1 (one) copy of *Genesis* #0 in quantities equal to their lowest ordered Genesis Crossover title.
- Titles participating in the Genesis Crossover for September are: *Dinosaurs For Hire* #8, *Ex-Mutants* #11, *Protectors* #13, *The Ferret* #5, *Gravestone* #3, *Man Of War* #6.
- *Genesis* #0 will feature a special Wraparound Holographic Foil cover enhancement. The cover illustration is by hot artist George Pérez.

$3.50/$4.40 in Canada

EX-MUTANTS™ #11

(GENESIS #1)

Fans will have to get their hands on this first intallment of Malibu's big Genesis Crossover. Big changes are in store for the Ex-Mutants as they face their biggest test to date...and fail! Sluggtown is invaded by the alien conqueror EXTREME. In the process of defending Sluggtown, an Ex-Mutant is killed.

- A Genesis Crossover title
- Guest cover by Darick (*New Warriors*) Robertson

Writer: Roland Mann

Artists: Thomas Derenick & Mike Miller

Cover: Darick Robertson

$2.25/$2.80 in Canada

DINOSAURS FOR HIRE™ #8

(GENESIS #2)

Fans will hit the roof with this issue which features the second part of the Genesis Crossover, a guest cover by *Green Lantern* artist Joe Staton and an 8-page back-up feature drawn by *Wonderman* artist Jeff Johnson!

Left for dead, the Dinosaurs journey to Graveworld only to discover that they are there by mistake and must fight their way back to their own dimension!

- Features the second chapter of the all-important Genesis Crossover
- Guest cover by Joe Staton!
- Look for the new Sega Genesis home video game version of *Dinosaurs For Hire*
- Read about *Dinosaurs For Hire* in the April issue of *Gamepro* and the *1993 Sega Genesis Game Directory*, the June issue of *Dinosaur, Starlog* #193 and the June issue of *Game Player's Nintendo-Sega Magazine!*
- Features an 8-page back-up story "Dinosaurs For Sale" by Tom Mason and artist Jeff Johnson!

"(DINOSAURS FOR HIRE) is very enjoyable; smartly written and beautifully illustrated. Malibu may have lost Image, but they haven't lost their edge."—Steven Kane, *L.A. Reader*

Writer: Tom Mason

Artists: Leonard Kirk and Bruce McCorkindale

Cover: Joe Staton

$2.50/$3.15 in Canada

PROTECTORS™ #13

(GENESIS #3)

Protectors #13 heats up with Part 3 of Malibu's Genesis Crossover as Eternal Man and the Ferret battle Extreme to save Los Angeles, but not without the help of THE EYE. We catch a quick glimpse into the future of what is going to happen, but don't blink your eyes. Don't miss this 3rd chapter of Genesis—or you'll be sorry.

Writer: R.A. Jones

Artists: Thomas Derenick & Mike Miller

Cover: Chris Wozniak & John Lowe

$2.25/$2.80 in Canada

THE FERRET™ #5

A Genesis Crossover title

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A faulty generator explodes on the U.S.S. Jefferson, the Protectors Headquarters, wounding Amazing Man. Problem is, Bloodlust, a villain from Amazing Man's past, is on board and looking to kill him...and only the Ferret is there to stop him!
• Plus: An 8-page back-up story written by R.A. Jones and pencilled by Steve (*Deathstroke: The Terminator*) Erwin
• Guest cover by Kieron Dwyer
Writer: R.A. Jones
Artist: Dean Zachary
Cover: Kieron Dwyer
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GRAVESTONE™ #3
A Genesis Crossover title
Gravestone teams up with fellow Protector Eternal Man to stop the Night Plague that Gravestone unknowingly unleashed on the Earth. But, will even the two immortal Protectors be enough, or will Gravestone have to die again to save the planet?
• Based on the enormous success of the first issue, and of *The Ferret* and *Man Of War* series, *Gravestone* is now a regular monthly title
• Guest cover by Jeff (*Wonderman*) Johnson!
Writer: Martin Powell
Artists: Thomas Derenick & Mike Miller
Cover: Jeff Johnson & Larry Welch
$2.25/$2.80 in Canada

MAN OF WAR™ #6
A Genesis Crossover title
During his battle with Killinger, Man Of War is aided by the appearance of an old friend...ROCKET RANGER!
Plus: The never-before-revealed "Origin Of Man Of War"!
• Hot cover by Kevin Maguire
• Features the return of Rocket Ranger!
Writers: Tom Mason & Dan Danko
Artist: Glenn Brown
Cover: Kevin Maguire
$2.25/$2.80 in Canada

STAR TREK®: DEEP SPACE NINE™ #2
It's Skybox *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* month as this issue comes bagged with a special Skybox Collectible *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* trading card, enhanced specifically for this promotion!

Skybox is releasing a 125-card *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* trading card set in November. This special card serves as a sneak preview of the set.

In this second issue, the concluding chapter of the "Stowaway" storyline, the Cardassian fungus threatens to engulf Deep Space Nine, and Kira and Odo must infiltrate a Federation ship to learn the truth about its origins.
• All new adventures based on the hit television series!
• Mike W. Barr is also the writer on the Ultraverse title *Mantra*!
• Each issue bagged with a special collectible Skybox *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* trading card!
• Limited edition ashcans for *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* have appeared in *Hero Illustrated* #1 and *Hero Illustrated* #2!
Writer: Mike W. Barr
Artists: Gordon Purcell & Terry Pallot
Cover: Purcell
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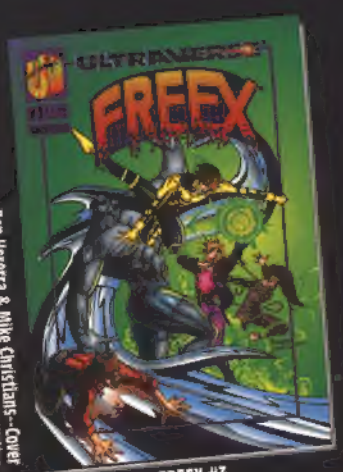

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